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THE RONNIE SHOWS REPORT

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Dear Friends:

This is my first report as your Representative in Congress. I am honored to be your public servant and rely on your guidance to best serve you. You are encouraged to contact or visit me at any time.

The overriding issue affecting us all is federal spending. My colleagues in the fiscally conservative "Blue Dog" Caucus offered a budget that is more credible than those proposed by the President or the party leaders. Those spend too much, make fiscally irresponsible across-the-board tax cuts, or fail to adequately reduce the national debt.

The Blue Dogs protect the Social Security Trust Fund, so Social Security funds will not be used to pay for other government programs. Much of the budget surplus would be used to pay off one-quarter of the national debt. The remaining surplus would be used to cut taxes and invest in priorities like education, agriculture, veterans and defense.

Please take a few moments to respond to the survey in this newsletter. Do not hesitate to call, write, or visit any time I may be of service to you.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Shows

RONNIE SHOWS
Member of Congress

CONTACT RONNIE SHOWS IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

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I provide a variety of services for the people of our area. Please call, write or visit any of these offices to get more information!

Help with the Government

Ask for help to resolve problems with Social Security, Medicare, VA, IRS, USDA, SBA or other agencies.

Flags, Information and Tours

Government documents or American flags that have been flown over the Capitol can be obtained, or tours of the White House or other historic sites in Washington can be arranged.

Academy Appointments & College Loans

High school juniors and seniors can apply to attend our nation's service academies (U.S. Military, Air Force, Naval, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines). Information about loans for college-bound students is available.

Congressional Art Competition

High school students from our area compete and the winning entry is displayed in our nation's Capitol.

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CONGRESSMAN RONNIE SHOWS' 1999 SURVEY

Please answer this survey and mail your response. And, please, *never hesitate* to share your views!

The most heated debates in Congress rage over how to spend – or how *not* to spend – taxpayer dollars. What do *you* think are the most important things the government should do with the federal budget surplus? Please check the most appropriate responses:

- ☐ Help pay off the accumulated national debt.
- ☐ Make sure Social Security and Medicare are secure.
- ☐ Make sure we have adequate roads and highways.
- ☐ Make sure we have clean air and water.
- ☐ Undecided/Don't Know.
- ☐ Cut taxes and reduce spending across-the-board.
- ☐ Make sure our children have decent schools and jobs.
- ☐ Make sure we have a strong military defense.
- ☐ Help American farms and businesses be productive.
- ☐ Other _____

Please check any of the following that describe your interests: ☐ Senior Citizens ☐ Health Care ☐ Veterans/Retired Military
☐ Housing ☐ Education ☐ Budget & Taxes ☐ Business ☐ Agriculture ☐ Forestry ☐ Oil & Gas ☐ High Tech ☐ Defense

RONNIE SHOWS: "PUT WORKING FAMILIES FIRST!"

Saving Social Security and Medicare

- Protecting the Social Security Trust Fund to keep the government from spending it on other programs.
- Formulating a "seniors-only" Cost-of-Living Adjustment that reflects the actual cost of being elderly in America.
- Paying off the federal debt to provide more resources for Medicare.

Affordable Health Care

- Supporting Patients Bill of Rights so people in HMOs get proper medical and emergency treatment.
- Making prescription drugs affordable for seniors on Medicare.
- Improving the quality and availability of rural health care.
- Allowing small business owners to deduct 100% of health insurance costs.
- Increasing funding for diabetes research.
- Extending Medicaid coverage for early detection of breast and cervical cancer.

RECENT SHOWS INITIATIVES

Shows "NAFTA Impact Relief" Bill

The projected closing of auto parts factories in *Collins* and *Prentiss* because of unfair competition from Mexico has devastated many families in our area. This is not the first time NAFTA has caused unemployment in our area. To help honest, able-bodied people keep working, I introduced The NAFTA Impact Relief Act, which will offer incentives to new businesses to move into these communities and hire the displaced workers. The bill has bipartisan support in Congress. We will work hard to achieve its passage into law.

Shows Hosts Rail Safety Roundtable

Accidents at railway crossings occur too often in Mississippi. After students from *Clinton* were injured in the tragic railway derailment in Illinois earlier this year, I conducted a Roundtable Discussion on Railway Safety at *Hinds Community College in Raymond*, with Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater as the honored guest.

Quality Schools and Child Care

- Providing Mississippi the flexibility to use federal funds to build and modernize schools.
- Wiring every school to the Internet.
- Improving the availability of quality after-school childcare for working families.

Promoting American Agriculture

- Capital gains and estate tax relief for family farms, businesses and foresters.
- Promoting stable fluid milk pricing and ensuring fresh supplies of milk for consumers.
- Protecting American agriculture by requiring labeling of imported meat and produce.

Veterans and Military Retiree Benefits

- Raising military pay, increasing Montgomery GI Bill benefits, and extending healthcare for those who have defended our country.



Congressman Shows at a Military Retirees Summit in Laurel last March. Rep. Shows is working with local military retirees to restore promised health benefits that were never delivered.

Tornado Update: *Tornadoes are a constant threat and have caused serious damage in our area. I am working to get the National Weather Service to make urgently needed repairs to the Melba National Weather Service emergency warning tower in Jeff Davis County, which serves Jones, Covington, Jeff Davis, Simpson, Lawrence, Marion, Walthall, Lamar & Forrest counties.*

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